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\$28,350 Settlement Reached With American Technologies, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a \$28,350 settlement with American Technologies, Inc. (ATI) for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 210 Baywood Avenue in Orange, Orange County. ATI is a hazardous waste hauler.

Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), signed on April 13, 2005, ATI will pay a total penalty of \$28,350 of which \$25,350 is a penalty and \$2,975 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/American_Technologies_Inc/American-Tech_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at the facility on September 29, 2004. The following violations were noted:

- Transportation of hazardous waste to a landfill without a manifest
- Failure to deliver the entire quantity of hazardous waste to the designated facility listed on the manifest

As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce ATI's original penalty by \$5,000 if two of ATI's employees obtain a certificate of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. ATI must submit the certificates to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days of the initial 185 day deadline.

ATI has since corrected the violations listed in the Order.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.